

SUPPLEMENT.  
**THE - STAR.**

**A ROYAL DORCAS ANNOYED.**

**The Princess of Wales Overwhelmed by Indigent Centenarians.**

A kindly act of charity privately performed by the Princess of Wales without a thought of advertisement is now causing her much inconvenience. Some weeks ago the attention of the princess was drawn to the sadly destitute condition of a Mrs. Thomas, a centenarian living at Burryport, and the ancient dame was made happy by a handsome donation. This came to the knowledge of the local reporters, who naturally boomed royal benevolence. The result is that the princess is simply overwhelmed with applications for assistance on behalf of aged men and women and to judge from her correspondence there must be thousands of centenarians in this happy country.

Public notice has been given that the princess can give no more, but the stream of letters continues to flow to Marlborough House and Sandringham, and Miss Knollys, the chief private secretary, has been driven to devise a lithographed form of regretful refusal. Many of the applications are undoubtedly genuine. One from Llanelly, Wales, for instance, is accompanied by documentary evidence that Mrs. Elizabeth Morris attained her one hundred and fourth birthday on last Tuesday, but there are a good many undeniable attempts to swindle the royal Dorcas.—London Letter.

**Mustaches Prohibited.**

This is the rule at the well known banking house of Messrs. Coutts & Co., 59 Strand. None of the bank clerks wears mustaches, and it has long been considered a point of business etiquette that all the gentlemen employed at the bank should wear frock coats during business hours. A clerkship at Messrs. Coutts' is considered one of the prizes in the banking profession. Some of the men are university graduates, many have been educated at one of the great public schools, while several have been called to the English bar. Some years ago an attempt was made to have the unwritten law regarding mustaches rescinded, but it was found that a greater

number preferred the old custom to remain in force than were in favor of its abolition.

This curious custom is also said to prevail in some of the large teahouses in the city, while it is well known that some Church of England bishops prefer the curates under their charge to be clean shaven. A lady who tried about three years ago to enforce a shaved face on the groom in her employment, and dismissed him at once because he refused compliance with her order, found that the law gave her no such power and was mulcted in £5 for wrongful dismissal and the costs of the action by the judge of the Bedford county court.—

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